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### **(U) BREAKING NEWS**

#### **(U) Virginia—Gunman Wounds Several at Congressional Baseball Event**

(U) Alexandria—At least five people were injured—including Steve Scalise, the majority whip of the House of Representatives—when a gunman opened fire near a YMCA where members of a Republican congressional baseball team were practicing this morning. Two law enforcement officers and a congressional aide were also reportedly injured. Rep. Mike Bishop from Michigan said the gunman was standing outside the fence line behind third base, armed with a rifle and aiming for the field's only exit. The police said the gunman was shot and wounded and taken into custody.

SOURCE: 14 June 2017, [New York Times](#)

#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

#### **(U) Oceanside—Camp Pendleton Brush Firefighting Efforts Hindered by Commercial Drone**

(U) A brush fire charred 50 acres on the Camp Pendleton base near the Marine Memorial Golf Course yesterday afternoon, as firefighting efforts were delayed by drone use. A commercial drone hovering near the blaze kept a helicopter from making water-drops for some time, according to Oceanside police. Police sent out an advisory approximately two hours after the blaze was first reported asking people to not fly drones near the fire. The fire was 100% contained as of last night, and one person was arrested on suspicion of arson. The drone operator was never seen.

SOURCE: 13 June 2017, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) and [ABC 10 News](#)

#### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) District of Columbia—US Blames North Korea for Hacking Spree, Says More Attacks Likely**

(U) Washington—The US government issued a rare alert yesterday squarely blaming the North Korean government for a raft of cyberattacks stretching back to 2009 and warning that more were likely. The joint warning from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation said that "cyber actors of the North Korean government," referred to in the report as "Hidden Cobra," had targeted the media, aerospace and financial sectors, as well as critical infrastructure, in the United States and globally. Tuesday's alert said Hidden Cobra has been previously referred to by private sector experts as Lazarus Group and Guardians of the Peace, which have been linked to attacks such as the 2014 intrusion into Sony Pictures Entertainment.

SOURCE: 14 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) District of Columbia—Russian Cyberattacks on US More Widespread Than Previously Known**

(U) Washington—Russia's cyberattack on the US electoral system before Donald Trump's election was far more widespread than has been publicly revealed, including incursions into voter databases and software systems in almost twice as many states as previously reported. Details of the wave of attacks, in the summer and fall of 2016, were provided by three people with direct knowledge of the US investigation into the matter. In all, the Russian hackers hit systems in a total of 39 states, one of them said. The new details, buttressed by a classified National Security Agency document recently disclosed,

show the scope of alleged hacking that federal investigators are scrutinizing.

SOURCE: 13 June 2017, [Bloomberg Politics](#)

**(U) Texas—Police Seize 600 Pounds of Meth-Laced Lollipops**

(U) Houston—Police investigating a reported burglary have seized almost \$1 million worth of methamphetamine-laced lollipops. Six hundred pounds of the homemade candy-drug mixture melted into various shapes—including Batman and "Star Wars" figures—were discovered in a Houston home after a neighbor called police to report the house being burglarized. When officers arrived on the scene they discovered a male and female removing the lollipops from the home, where the lollipops were evidentially being manufactured. The seizure is the first of its kind for the area, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office spokesman.

SOURCE: 13 June 2017, [CNN](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Israel—Israeli Intelligence Reportedly Discovered ISIS Plans for Laptop Bomb**

(U) Jerusalem—Israeli government spies hacked into the operations of ISIS bomb makers to discover they were developing a laptop computer bomb to blow up a commercial aircraft, according to news media reports. The New York Times said the Israeli hackers penetrated the small Syria-based cell of bomb makers months ago, an effort that led to the 21 March ban on carry-on laptops and other electronics larger than cellphones on direct flights to the United States from 10 airports in Turkey, the Middle East and North Africa. The Israeli cyber penetration was the source of US information about how the group was developing explosives that couldn't be detected by standard screening because they looked identical to laptop batteries.

SOURCE: 13 June 2017, [AFP](#)

**(U) Guatemala—Police Discover 'Special Forces-Inspired' Boat Used for Drug Smuggling**

(U) Guatemala City—Guatemalan National Civil Police discovered an odd-shaped watercraft abandoned about 23 miles off the coast of Guatemala, suspected to have been used for drug-smuggling. The vessel had a design similar to those used by military watercraft, with a long, narrow hull that is both difficult to detect and faster than other homemade drug-smuggling boats. Classified as "Very Slender Vessels (VSVs)," this is believed to be the first time drug cartels were seen using them.

SOURCE: 13 June 2017, [Popular Mechanics](#)

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